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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HIGH-LEVEL ECUADOREAN MISSION TO WASHINGTON

REFS: (A) QUITO 1222 (NOTAL); (B) BLOOMFIELD-ALLITTO TELECON OF MARCH 1

1. ON MARCH 1 ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR YCAZA REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT OF THE GOE'S FOREIGN MINISTER FROM MID-MARCH TO MID-APRIL. YCAZA SAID THAT HE HAD JUST SPOKEN WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SALVADOR, WHO HAD SAID THAT BUSINESS STEMMING FROM THE JUST CONCLUDED PUTUMAYO MEETINGS BETWEEN THE GOE'S SUPREME COUNCIL AND COLOMBIA'S PRESIDENT REQUIRED SALVADOR TO BE IN QUITO IN MID-MARCH. THEN SALCONFIDENTIAL

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VADOR PLANS ON VISITING BRAZIL AT THE END OF MARCH, WHICH MAKES MID-APRIL THE EARLIEST THAT HE CAN COME TO THE US.

2. COUNTRY OFFICER ALLITTO REPLIED THAT A POSTPONEMENT WAS PROBABLY BEST ANYWAY, BECAUSE THE USG HAS NOT YET FORMULATED SEVERAL OF ITS POLICIES, AND PERHAPS BY APRIL THE USG - WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO ANSWER SOME OF ECUADOR'S QUESTIONS.

ACCORDINGLY, ARA HAS WITHDRAWN ITS ACTION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE SECRETARY TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND THE CHIEFS OF STAFF. WE UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WANT TO COME, BUT WE WANT TO KEEP THE DISCUSSION ON BROAD ISSUES SUCH AS OVERALL GOE-USG RELATIONS, THE ARMS BALANCE IN THE REGION, ETC. WE WANT TO AVOID FOCUSING THE DISCUSSION ON THE GOE'S SPECIFIC DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. VANCE

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